



### 184<sup>th</sup> BIFAD Public Meeting

23 May 2022 (12:00-2:30 PM ET)

Public comment from 1:30–1:50 pm EDT and from 2:15–2:20 pm EDT.

### **The Global Food Security Crisis: Exploring the Evidence Base and Lessons from the Past to Strengthen Agricultural, Nutrition, and Food Systems in the Face of Shocks**

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#### **Event Description**

This is a public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), *The Global Food Security Crisis: Exploring the Evidence Base and Lessons from the Past to Strengthen Agricultural, Nutrition, and Food Systems in the Face of Shocks*. The BIFAD is a seven-member, presidentially appointed advisory board to USAID established in 1975 under Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act, as amended, to ensure that USAID brings the assets of U.S. universities to bear on development challenges in agriculture and food security and supports their representation in USAID programming. This will be the first public meeting of BIFAD members appointed by President Joseph Biden on January 14, 2022 and will include an introduction to newly appointed BIFAD members, a briefing on BIFAD's current work plan priorities, and an overview of key upcoming initiatives. BIFAD will also announce new work relating to systemic solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture, nutrition, and food systems to inform the implementation of USAID's recently released climate change strategy. Public comment is invited to further inform BIFAD's work.

In the face of short-term and long-term shocks, fragile food systems are driving increases in poverty, hunger, and child stunting. The global effort to end hunger and poverty is at a critical moment, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine adding to an already-compounded global food crisis as countries struggle to recover from the impacts of COVID-19, humanitarian emergencies and climate change. What does it mean to get ahead of future crises and to build resilient food systems? What are the lessons learned from previous crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2007–2008 global food price crisis? BIFAD will take stock of evidence around these questions and identify weak links in food systems that must be strengthened to respond to global food security crises and to mitigate the impacts of current and future shocks. Food systems, nutrition, and humanitarian assistance experts will share lessons learned about resilience in the face of these disruptions. Evidence-based recommendations from these deliberations will inform USAID strategy implementation, policy, and programming.

## AGENDA

### **Welcome and Introducing USAID Senior Leadership**

[Jim Barnhart](#), Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security

12:00-12:02 pm

### **Welcome and Acknowledgment of BIFAD Members**

**USAID Senior Leadership**

12:02-12:07 pm

**USAID Senior Leadership** will recognize former BIFAD members and welcome the newly appointed or re-appointed members.

### **Welcome and Introduction of BIFAD Members and Senior USAID Leadership**

[Laurence Alexander](#)

**BIFAD Chair and Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**

12:07-12:11

*BIFAD Chair will welcome participants, invited guests, and attendees. BIFAD members, recently presidentially appointed or reappointed, will introduce themselves, followed by a brief discussion of the history and purpose of BIFAD.*

### **Overview of the Meeting Objectives and Snapshot of Board's Priorities and Planning for 2022-2023**

**Laurence Alexander and Board Members**

12:11-12:20

*The BIFAD Chair will introduce the Board's current priorities and plans around three central thematic areas and several cross-cutting lenses, framing the other presentations in the meeting around informing BIFAD's work and validating the priorities and assumptions.*

## **Strengthening Agricultural and Food Systems to Respond to Global Food Security Crises and to Mitigate the Impacts of Shocks**

### **Part One: Setting the Context: Global Food Security Crises, Past and Present**

12:20-12:40

### **Framing and Key Questions: Pamela Anderson, BIFAD Member and Director General Emerita, International Potato Center**

12:20-12:25

### **Overview of Past and Current Global Food Security Crises**

[Máximo Torero](#), **Chief Economist**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

12:25-12:35

*The presentation will summarize what we know about the extent and magnitude of the current crisis and will demonstrate the connection to historical food crises linked to oil price spikes in 1973 and 2006.*

### **BIFAD Questions and Discussion with Presenter**

12:35-12:40

**Part Two: Identifying Lessons Learned, Identifying Gaps, and Key Actions to Prepare for Future Crises  
and to Build Resilient Food Systems**

12:40-1:50 pm

**Panelists:**

[Patrick Webb](#), Alexander McFarlane Professor of Nutrition, Tufts University, and Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab on Nutrition

12:40-12:50

Nike Tinubu, General Manager, Premium Cassava Products Limited, a Flour Mills of Nigeria plc. Agro Company

12:50-1:00

Sandrine Chetail, Global Senior Director, Economic Growth, Mercy Corps

1:00-1:10

Jemimah Njuki, Chief, Economic Empowerment Section, UN Women

1:10-1:20 pm

**BIFAD Questions and Discussion with Presenters**

1:20-1:30 pm

**Public Comment Period**

1:30-1:50 pm

*Attendees are encouraged to share questions and comments using the chat or Q/A function in the online meeting platform. The session facilitator will read public questions and comments for speaker or member response.*

**BREAK**

1:50-1:55 pm

*Attendees are invited to participate in a brief poll during the break.*

**Part Three: The Climate Crisis: Approaches for Systems Change for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Action**

1:55-2:20 pm

**Accelerating Transformative Adaptation Approaches and Systems Change to Climate Change in Agriculture, Food Systems and Nutrition: Highlighting BIFAD's Plans**

[Rattan Lal](#), BIFAD Member and Distinguished Professor at Ohio State University, and World Food Prize Laureate (confirmed)

1:55-2:00

*BIFAD will announce new work relating to systemic solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture, nutrition, and food systems to inform the implementation of USAID's recently released Climate Change Strategy.*

**Identifying Opportunities to Accelerate Transformative Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Action**

**USAID Climate Advisor, To be confirmed**

2:00-2:10

*Climate and agricultural experts from USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security will provide an overview of the recently released USAID Climate Change Strategy, and relate the need for BIFAD's advice for implementation of the strategy.*

**BIFAD Questions and Discussion with Presenters**

2:10-2:15 pm

**Public Comment Period**

2:15-2:20 pm

**Part Four: Synthesis and Reflection**

2:20-2:30

**Synthesis and Reflections**

2:20-2:25

**Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

**Laurence Alexander**

**BIFAD Chair and Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**

2:25-2:30